Links to Disaster Recovery Assistance Programs and Information

USDA-Farm Services Agency Programs

Crop Insurance – coverage is available on a crop by crop and county by county basis. Those producers who purchased a policy will be covered for any damage caused by the freeze. They should contact their crop insurance agent immediately and prior to disposing of the crop. http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=ca&area=home&subject=landing&topic=landing

USDA-FSA Service Center Office Locations in California:

 $\underline{http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us\&agency=fsa}$

Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) – A lower level of crop insurance for all crops for which regular crop insurance (see above) is not available. A \$100 coverage fee must be paid prior to the closing date for each individual crop for coverage to be in place. http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/nap.htm

Crop Disaster Program – Covers crop losses attributable to a weather related cause such as freeze. Not currently authorized or funded. **Congressional action required.**

Tree Assistance Program – Covers a portion of the cost of replanting trees killed by damaging weather such as a freeze. Not currently authorized or funded. **Congressional action required.**

Low Interest Emergency Loans – Provides low interest financing to farmers and ranchers who suffer losses due to damaging weather and who operate in a county declared a disaster area by the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA). Eligibility limited to those producers who are unable to obtain commercial credit through normal sources. Program is automatically made available upon the Secretary declaring a county a disaster area. Requests for disaster declaration should be submitted by county government through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/emloan.htm

California Business, Transportation and Housing Program

Farm Disaster Loan Guarantee Program – This program helps farm and agriculture-related enterprises obtain financing needed to recover from losses caused by natural disasters in areas declared to be in a State of Emergency by the Governor. Interest rates are from Prime to Prime plus three percent (3%) depending on the amount of the loan guaranteed. Eighty to ninety-five percent of the loan is guaranteed up to \$500,000. Uses include physical damage and economic costs related to the disaster.

http://www.bth.ca.gov/agriculture/index.asp

California Mobile Assistance Centers

One stop shopping centers that provide job and unemployment assistance, support with food programs, healthcare information, warming center location information and other essential services.

http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/ALL/14106813EF1007338825726B005A4070?OpenDocument

Employment Development Department (Labor & Workforce Development Agency)

- Job Services
- Unemployment Services **1-800-300-5616**
- Coordination with Job Center building owners, security and traffic control
- Coordination with community-based organization Disaster Programs

http://www.edd.cahwnet.gov/eddemerdisaster4ees.htm

Department of Food and Agriculture

- Agriculture and Outreach information
- Outreach to affected growers
- State and County Fairgrounds, warming and cooling centers

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/exec/pa/coldawareandprepare.htm

Department of Social Services

- Food Stamp Program
- Food Bank Information
- Cal/Works Assistance

http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/default.htm

Department of Health Services

- Medi-Cal Workers Eligibility Applications and Emergency Needs
- Women/Infants/Children (WIC) Referral Services
- Locations of Primary Care and Family Health Clinics

http://www.dhs.ca.gov/

Department of Community Services and Development

- Coordination with Local Community Action agencies
- Food, blankets and travel vouchers
- Information about shelter locations

http://www.csd.ca.gov/

Business, Transportation and Housing

• Farm Disaster Loan Guarantee Program

http://www.bth.ca.gov/agriculture/index.asp

Department of Education

• Programs for Migrant Worker Child Care

http://www.cde.ca.gov/

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

• Coordinating the state response to the extreme cold weather.

http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/0/062D5D25DB8674F088257261007D63D9?OpenDocument

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